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Amendment after non-final action

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

- 1) A cylindrical duck nesting house made of white, plastic material
 - (a) consisting of a canister and removable lid with handle
 - (b) providing an entrance and egress hole in the said canister
 - (c) providing a mesh grid climbing ladder secured to the bottom of said canister and secured to the vertical inside of said canister
whereby the ducklings can exit the nest upon hatching.
- 2) A round, hollow pole made of white, plastic material
 - (a) consisting of one segment
 - (b) providing a water closet fitting to the top of said pole to secure said pole to bottom of said duck nesting house
 - (c) providing an end cap fitted to the bottom of said pole
whereby said pole can be planted in a wetlands area without water seepage to the inside of pole chamber.
- 3) A round, segmented pole made of white, plastic material
 - (a) consisting of two said segments on a vertical plane
 - (b) providing a water closet fitting to the top of the top pole segment to secure to the bottom of said duck nesting house
 - (c) providing the top pole segment sliding inside the bottom pole segment of slightly larger diameter
 - (d) providing stabilizing collars encircling the bottom end of said top pole segment
 - (e) providing an end cap fitted to the bottom of said bottom pole segment
 - (f) providing an end cap to be used on the top of the said bottom pole segment
whereby the said bottom pole segment can be permanently planted in shoreline areas and temporarily capped with said end cap at the end of the nesting season.

In the claims:

- 1) (Amended) A cylindrical duck nesting house made of white, plastic material
 - (a) ~~comprising~~ ~~consisting of~~ a canister and removable lid with handle
 - (b) ~~providing~~ an entrance and egress hole in the said canister
 - (c) ~~providing~~ a mesh grid climbing ladder secured to the bottom of said canister and secured to the vertical inside of said canister whereby the ducklings can exit the nest upon hatching.
- 2) Claim 2 has been cancelled.
- 3) Claim 3 has been cancelled.

- 4) (Additional claim) A cylindrical duck nesting house made of white, plastic material as claimed in Claim 1 further comprising: a round, hollow pole made of white, plastic material; said pole including one segment; a water closet fitting to the top of said pole to secure said pole to bottom of said duck nesting house; an end cap fitted to the bottom of said pole whereby said pole can be planted in a wetlands area without water seepage to the inside of pole chamber.
- 5) (Additional claim) A cylindrical duck nesting house made of white, plastic material as claimed in Claim 1 further comprising: a round, segmented pole made of white, plastic material; said pole including two segments on a vertical plane; a water closet fitting to the top of the top pole segment to secure to the bottom of said duck nesting house; the said top pole segment sliding inside the bottom pole segment of slightly larger diameter; stabilizing collars encircling the bottom end of said top pole segment; an end cap fitted to the bottom of said bottom pole segment; an end cap on the top of the said bottom pole segment whereby the said bottom pole segment can be permanently planted in shoreline areas and temporarily capped with said end cap at the end of the nesting season.